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Dear Ms. Levine:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on changes in the 2007 Qualified Allocation Plan.

We recommend an increase to the Supportive Housing Set-Aside from 15% to 25% of the total allocation of credit. Creating these additional units would allow more homeless people to become housed and would allow for more people to move from adult foster care into their own homes in the community.

We also recommend a requirement that all tax credit projects be required to have 10% of the units with rents set at an affordable rate for those people who are at or below 30% A.M.I. (Average Median Income). This change would allow more people who are on fixed incomes, who are working at minimum wage jobs, or who are in nursing facilities to obtain affordable housing,

We also recommend a requirement that 10% of units meet Universal Design standards. This change would increase the supply of affordable and accessible housing to meet current and future needs of the general public.

We look forward to our continued collaboration through the Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program to establish housing units that are affordable and accessible.

Sincerely,

Patrick Barrie, Deputy Director
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